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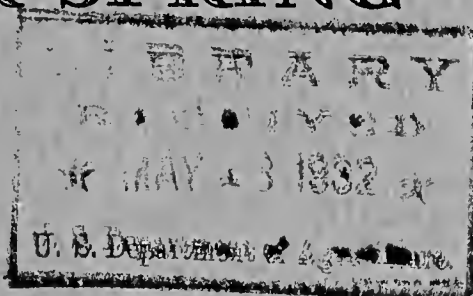
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*Visitors Are Always Welcome
At Our Gardens*

My Dear Fellow Gardener:

Both you and I are beginning to make at least some preliminary plans for our spring garden work. Last fall I was able to make a few changes and some additional plantings in my garden and I hope you had the pleasure of doing the same in your garden. Some fall planting is almost necessary in a successful garden. Gardening is, nowadays, a whole year proposition, and not to be confined to only the spring months. It is possible for all of us to have a garden indoors during the winter if it is only a small dish garden. One interesting indoor garden that I have seen this winter consists of a honeycomb rock, about a foot in diameter and six or eight inches high, set on a tray. Small plants were planted around the edges and in some of the holes in the rock. Beside the rock lay a moss covered stick from the woods.

I believe that half the pleasure we get from our gardens comes from experimenting with new plants and new ideas of gar-

A Little Informal Chat

dening. A well planned garden is ever changing and consequently always interesting. It is a good idea to observe the gardens of our friends, especially the new things that they are trying. In this way we are better able to judge whether the new varieties will fit into our garden scheme. As a general rule the greater part of our garden should be planted to tested and standard varieties, that is varieties which we know will give satisfaction.

Each year at our nursery we try out some new varieties of annuals and perennials. As a result of last year's trials, we will have plants of and feel that we can recommend, four varieties of *Zinnias* — *Golden Dawn*, a soft yellow of the dahlia flowered type; *Golden State*, a rich yellow orange, also dahlia flowered; *Pumila Picotee Delight*, having flowers of a medium size and in the salmon shades; and *Pumila Fireball*, bright red small flowers.

Majestic Snapdragons, *Sunset* and *Twilight* were good. The color of *Sunset* is described as a combination of bright terra cotta shading into a rosy salmon. *Twilight* is similar but a lighter shade. The variety listed as



orange was not what I would call a true orange. *Sutton's Apricot*, *Golden Chamois* and *Bright Pink Snapdragons* did as well as in past years.

Arctotis Breviscapa Aurantiaca is a desirable African daisy of an orange color. The dwarf red *Verbena Fireball* was satisfying and will make a good plant for the rock garden or edging. We were fortunate in obtaining stock of the pale lavender *Verbena Dorothy Thompson*. This variety gave excellent results last year in spite of the dry weather. Besides blending well with other colors the plant is a profuse bloomer. Several of our customers have asked us to grow plants of the new *Pentstemon Sensation*. It has large gloxinialike pink flowers. This variety has been successful with us when used as an annual and there were several gardens of it at Como Park the past summer. We will also have plants of *Torenia*, a plant that was given much attention by visitors at Como Park.

During the long open fall, with its abundance of rain our perennials developed into fine large plants, and if there is no ser-

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ious trouble in overwintering them we will have a fine stock of plants from which to fill your needs for hardy plants. Our plants, except one or two kinds, are dug fresh for each order and this is of great advantage to you, as the wind and air has little opportunity to dry the roots.

In addition to our regular list of the more common perennials we are growing the following varieties: *Gaillardia Dazzler* and *Standholder*, the latter having stiffer and longer stems than the common strain. *Dazzler* is described as having large, bright golden flowers with maroon-red centers. *Campanula rotundifolia*, flowers small blue bells, commonly called Blue Bells of Scotland. *Armeria Laucheana*, one of the best Armerias, rosy pink flowers, especially suited to the rock garden; *Phlox divaricata*, an early blooming phlox similar to the wild variety; *Campanula Trachelium*, *Covenentry Bells* and *Campanula Telham Beauty*. *Delphinium Indigo Blue* is a beautiful large flowered, hybrid, rich dark blue delphinium. *Sweet William Holborn Glory*, a large flowered auricula-eyed variety. *Dianthus Knappi*, a yellow garden pink. *Alyssum saxatile*



sulphurem, a lemon colored "Basket of Gold". We will have nine or ten varieties of *Sedum*. Since *Sedum* nomenclature is confused it is almost necessary for you to see them if you wish to avoid duplicating some of the varieties you have.

Viola Jersey Gem, a dark purple free blooming viola, and the hardiest one we know. *Viola Apricot*, a very attractive viola of an apricot color and fine for alternating with *Jersey Gem* as an edging plant.

Pblox subulata lilac. The habit of this is slightly different from the pink and white varieties. It is especially desirable for those who dislike anything approaching magenta.

Rock Gardening

Rock gardening, the most popular form of gardening today is a fascinating subject and offers unlimited adventure for the most enthusiastic gardener. While many of the rock garden plants are easy to grow there are those which test the skill of the best gardeners. Learning from experience how to succeed with these particular plants certainly adds enjoyment to our garden activities.

If it is impossible for you to have a rock garden you may grow many of the rock plants in the ordinary border. A little later we will issue a folder about rock gardens and plants that we will have.



A number of people have complained about their *Stocks* not blooming. While the *Stock* is a beautiful flower we can never be absolutely sure that they will bloom. The non-

blooming of Stocks seems to be due to weather conditions. One of our customers planted some seed of Stock in his garden and reports that these as well as the purchased plants failed to bloom.

We also wish to caution our customers about *Petunias*. When grown from seed it is very seldom that all will be true to color. This is important only when working out color schemes. There are two remedies, one to buy potted plants in bloom, the other to purchase a larger number of seedling plants and plant them thicker. The "off color" ones are then pulled up and thrown away. We have found this characteristic common in the variety Heavenly Blue, in which a number of our customers are interested.

I wish to thank all our friends for the business they have given us in the past and I hope to have the pleasure of serving you again this season.

Yours sincerely,

PERKINS BROS.

Alfred G. Perkins

As the supply of some of our special varieties is necessarily limited may we suggest that you make early reservations.

We are planning to issue the following circulars this spring and will send copies to all whose names are on our mailing list.

Perennials.

Rock Gardening.

Annuals.

We would be pleased to receive the names of your friends whom you think would be interested in our plants.

